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Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Governing Board Meeting Agenda

November 3rd, 2010 7:00pm

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| I. Call to Order | 7:00 |
| II. Roll Call | 7:02 |
| III. Approval of September 2010 Minutes | 7:04 |
| IV. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items | 7:10 |
| V. Correspondence | 7:15 |
| VI. Special Reports & Presentations | 7:20 |
| a. Mary Rodriguez Council District 4 | 7:25 |
| b. Ryan Carpio, Council District 13 | 7:30 |
| c. Gracie Lui, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment | 7:35 |
| VII. Consent Agenda | |
| a. Treasurer's Report | |
| VIII. New Business | |
| a. Motion: UDP Membership Motion | 7:45 |
| b. Motion: Electric Box | 7:55 |
| c. Motion: Newsletter | 8:05 |
| d. Motion: Free Trees | 8:15 |
| e. Website Presentation/Update | 8:25 |

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IX. Committee Reports

8:50

- a. Parks and Green Spaces (Cunningham)
- b. Beautification (Cunningham)
- c. Outreach (Wurmfeld)
- d. Friends of Animals (Nahum)
- e. Urban Design & Preservation (Bougart-Sharkov)
- f. History Collective (Herzog)
- g. Arts & Culture (Vasquez)
- h. Community Liaison (Jaffe)
- i. Public Safety (Dakin/Berne)
- j. Governmental Affairs (Neuman)
- k. Budget & Finance (Crump)
- l. Youth & Families
- m. Transportation and Public Works (Millar)

XII Agenda Items for next meeting

XIII Announcements: All items not acted upon by 10:00 p.m. will be carried over to the next meeting

XIV Adjourn

9:30

Process for Reconsideration – *The Board may reconsider and amend actions listed on the agenda if that reconsideration takes place immediately following the original action or at the next regular meeting. The Board, on either of these two days, shall: 1) make a Motion to Reconsider and, if approved, 2) hear the matter and take an action. If the Motion to Reconsider is to be scheduled at the next meeting following the original action, then two items shall be placed on the agenda for that meeting: 1) a Motion to Reconsider on the described matter and, 2) a [Proposed] Action should the Motion to Reconsider be approved. A Motion to Reconsider can only be made by a Board Member who has previously voted on the prevailing side of the original action. If a Motion to Reconsider is not made on the date the action was taken, then a Board Member on the prevailing side of the action must submit a memorandum to the Secretary identifying the matter to be reconsidered and a brief description of the reason(s) for requesting reconsideration at the next regular meeting. The aforesaid shall be in compliance with the Brown Act.*

Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Governing Board
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 6, 2010 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call –

Michael Masterson (Region 7)
Elizabeth Bougart-Sharkov (At-Large)
Renee Nahum (Region 7)
Scott Crawford (Region 1)
Clint Lukens (Region 1/Co-Chair)
Rusty Millar (Region 4/Co-Chair)
Anthony Crump (Region 3/Treasurer)
Charles Herman-Wurmfeld (At-Large)
Annemarie Ralph (Region 6)
Faisal Alserri (Region 3)
Leonardo Chalupowicz (At-Large)
Sarah Dale (At-Large) (leaves meeting at 9:15 p.m.)
CAME IN AFTER VOTE TO APPROVE MINUTES
Paul Neuman (At-Large)
Gale Jaffe (Region 4)
Dale Benson (Region 5) (7:10 p.m.)
Adam Marvel (Region 2) (7:12 p.m.)
Janet Cunningham (At-Large)

Not Present

Amanda Berman (Region 5)
Susan Hutchinson (Region 6)
Claudia Vasquez (At-Large)
Janet Cunningham (At-Large)

3. Approval of September 1, 2010 Minutes – Add Sarah Dale to the list of absent board members:

M/S/P “Motion to approve minutes of September 1, 2010 with corrections.”

AYES: Masterson, Bougart-Sharkov, Nahum, Crawford, Lukens, Crump, Herman-Wurmfeld, Ralph, Chalupowicz, Alserri

NAYS:

**ABSTAINING: Millar, Crawford
(10-0-2) Motion carries.**

4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- a. Comment by Mr. Fuchs
- b. Chalupowicz – Update on Micheltorena Garden. LAUSD funds used for construction of fence. Removal of asphalt is next step. Have not yet used the funds provided by SLNC. A plaque on the fence will include the name of the SLNC in the list of funding.
- c. Herman-Wurmfeld – Agenda not projected tonight. Welcomes help from volunteers to create PowerPoint of agenda. Tree people have agreed to 15 fruit trees and 15 shade trees on campus of Micheltorena Elementary school.
- d. Luke Johnson – He is a volunteer for the Democratic Party’s Vote 2010 Campaign. Contact information is MidLA@cadem.org. Those interested in volunteering should contact Brandon Gassaway at 310-570-7184 or BGassaway@cadem.org. Opening satellite weekend offices. Looking for office for weekend use. Hours would be on Saturday from 12-6 pm and Sunday from 2-6 p.m. Please provide any information about potentially available office space
- e. Jonelle LaVin – Would like to clear up misconceptions about the SLIA. Founded in 1989, achieved non-profit status in 1992. Group was formed to deal with safety issues related to graffiti, crime, and gangs in areas south of Sunset. Mission is to help create and maintain a clean, safe, and vibrant

community and to nurture our youth. Have held regular public meetings and worked with other local community groups. Major accomplishments include the following:

- i. Gateways to Silver Lake Youth beautification project on Silver Lake Blvd. and the 101 Freeway.
- ii. Planting more than 300 trees along Silver Lake and Sunset
- iii. Staging Music Box Steps Festival for the last 16 years
- iv. Helped form the Silver Lake Chamber of Commerce (open to all on Oct. 23 of this year)
- v. Some members were chief organizers of the SLNC in its forming years
- vi. Holding candidate forums

Open board meetings held on first Monday of the month. [Crump asks her to email the statement to the board.] She has contacted the board a couple of time. When you have a motion that is not unanimous, you must list the names of the people who voted for, against, and abstained.

- f. Neuman – Urges circumspection when communicating with other members of the board. Brown Act violations regarding serial communication on topics posted for discussion during community meetings.
- g. Jaffe – The Nine O’clock Players bring live theater to children. Private schools pay for tickets, and public schools attend for free. Weekend performances. Fall production is *Pinocchio*, and spring production is *Velveteen Rabbit*. Millar asks Jaffe to submit information to Claudia Vasquez for posting on the website.
- h. Rebecca Bernal, Rep. for State Senator Curren Price – Governor should sign state budget tomorrow. Operation Gobble this fall will give out turkeys to the community. Send in written request for toys. They gave out about 1200 toys last year. Lukens would like Rebecca.bernal@sen.ca.gov to send summary of her statements.

Ms. Bernal fields questions about Hollywood Sunset Free Clinic, the senator’s “No” vote on the plastic bag ban, and tax breaks within the budget. Re plastic bags, the senator was concerned about potential impacts on small businesses; he heard vocal objections from constituencies (small businesses, minority chambers). Senator plans to educate constituencies that do not understand the benefits. Will perhaps co-sponsor bill next year and will vote for it.

- i. Chrissy Scarborough – CicLAvia on 10.10.10., an international day of action on climate change. Celebrity speakers at City Hall. Routes are posted on cicLAvia.org.
- j. Dora Leong Gallo, rep. of A Community of Friends - Community meeting was difficult and heated. Good turnout. 8 people did sign up for tours of the area. Still outstanding questions. Outreached to Dillon Street NC. Preparing document explaining their plans for how to run the building. Would like to come before the council again when document is ready. Happy to come back to give update.

Fields questions from Crawford on the dates when construction begins. [Funding in place, need to issue a receipt to general contractor. No later than sometime next week. Offers to e-mail info to Mr. Crawford.]

Board members thank representative for collaboration on a by-right project. Would like to have another community meeting once written document by A Community of Friends is completed. Concerns about security of facility and make-up of residents at Vendome Palms.

Neuman – Board members should not be discussing a non-agenda item. If the public doesn’t know something’s on an agenda, then we have to be circumspect.

5. Correspondence – No correspondence.

6. Special Reports & Presentations

Mary Rodriguez, Council District 4 – Halloween Block Party on Armstrong will be cancelled this year. Outreach through residential organizations and community papers notifying residents about cancellation and safety risks. Considering options for increasing safety, possibly lighting the area thoroughly at night. K-rails are not a possibility right now.

Construction of sidewalk on Tesla Ave. will begin 2011, if everything goes well. Re sidewalk on Tesla, material would be cement. Any asphalt on the street should be there temporarily. Contact CD4’s office if the asphalt remains for more than two months. Questions from council members about safety notifications for pedestrians and cyclists. Concerns about people going trick-or-treating on Halloween

without any k-rails, whether they are permanent or temporary. The council members urge that the construction area is fenced off and secured because of the safety risk it presents.

- a. Ryan Carpio, Council District 13 – Not present.

7. Old Business

- a. Motion: Soundproofing Bellevue Recreation Center
I move that SLNC fund 1/3 of the cost to sound proof the Community Room at the Bellevue Recreation Center. The proposed total is \$7,145. This funding would be contingent on CD13 and the Dept. of Recreation and Parks picking up the other 2/3 of the cost.
Jaffe - One-third of the total cost is \$2,381 not \$3,182, as written in the draft minutes of 09.01.2010. Correction made in approved minutes.
- b. Motion: Motion to Oppose Abortion Ban –
I move that SLNC urge the President Obama administration to include abortion coverage as an option for women to purchase in the new high-risk insurance pools.
Motion withdrawn by Jaffe.
- c. Motion: Tree Topping in Silver Lake –
Requesting that the SLNC support a motion to make the practice of topping of trees be banned in Silver Lake, as it is in many communities and cities nationwide.
M/S/P “Motion to table motion.”
AYES: Bougart-Sharkov, Nahum, Crawford, Lukens, Crump, Ralph, Chalupowicz, Dale, Alserri, Neuman, Jaffe, Benson, Marvel
NAYS:
ABSTAINING: Millar, Masterson, Herman-Wurmfeld
(13-0-3) Motion carries.

8. Consent Agenda

“Motion to pull items "a" and "b" from consent agenda.”

AYES: Bougart-Sharkov, Nahum, Crawford, Lukens, Crump, Ralph, Chalupowicz, Dale, Alserri, Neuman, Jaffe, Benson, Marvel, Masterson, Herman-Wurmfeld
NAYS:
ABSTAINING: Millar
(15-0-1) Motion carries.

- a. Motion: Budget Day Representative (Crump)
The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council designates Rusty Millar, Co-Chair, and Anthony Crump, Treasurer, as the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council’s Budget Representative for the Mayor’s Community Budget Day on October 16, 2010.
- b. Treasurer’s Report (Crump)
The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council Governing Board hereby accepts and files the September 2010 Treasurer’s Report and Budget Update, including the review of the year-to-date budget and of SLNC financial transactions for period ending September 23, 2010.
- c. Motion: Eliminate coal as a source of energy (TPW)
M/S/P “SLNC moves to endorse the Sierra Club’s LA Beyond Coal Campaign and encourages the City Council of Los Angeles to support a plan to eliminate coal from the electricity supply of Los Angeles.”
AYES: Marvel, Masterson, Jaffe, Bougart-Sharkov, Nahum, Crawford, Benson, Lukens, Crump, Herman-Wurmfeld, Ralph, Alserri, Dale, Chalupowicz
NAYS:
ABSTAINING: Neuman, Millar
(14-0-2) Motion passes.
Chrissy Scarborough of Sierra Club presents information about the destructive effects of coal on the environment. Debate among council members about the impact of costs of energy for lower-income population v. the possible environmental benefits.

9. New Business

- a. Discussion possible action on website

Lukens - The website is more up-to-date after long delays in updates. Grateful for the hard work done by Ms. Vasquez. There are still many updates left to do.

Council agrees to move the discussion to the Executive Committee meeting.

- b. Discussion possible action on Secretary position –
Current secretary, Claudia Vasquez, is busy most evenings and needs help from other board members on the website. Item tabled because Vasquez is not here.
- c. Discussion possible action on Region 2 vacancy – Lukens –
Outreach Committee needs to help find nominees for board member filling second seat in Region 2. It's important that nominees understand the time commitment exceeds three hours a month at SLNC GB meetings. Lukens asks council members to provide any recruitment flyers that can be used again. Millar, Lukens, and Marvel agree to meet to discuss outreach options. Herman-Wurmfeld can do outreach on facebook.
- d. Motion: Silver Lake Jubilee Check Reissuance
M/S/P The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council hereby authorizes the reissuance of a check in the amount of \$2,100 to the Los Angeles Arts and Athletics Alliance for sponsorship of the 2010 Silver Lake Jubilee.

Amendment by Crump, second by Dale: Adjust funding amount to \$2,500.

AYES: Marvel, Masterson, Jaffe, Bougart-Sharkov, Nahum, Neuman, Benson, Lukens, Crump, Herman-Wurmfeld, Ralph, Alserri, Chalupowicz, Dale

NAYS:

**ABSTAINING: Crawford (recused himself), Millar
(14-0-2)**

Vote on Amended Motion:

AYES: Marvel, Masterson, Jaffe, Nahum, Neuman, Benson, Lukens, Crump, Herman-Wurmfeld, Ralph, Chalupowicz, Dale

NAYS: Bougart-Sharkov

**ABSTAINING: Alserri, Crawford (recused himself), Millar
(12-1-3) Motion carries.**

Crump summarizes reasons for motion. At initial request for funding, applicants said they were a non-profit organization (henceforth "NPO"). Supporting organization, Sunset Free Clinic, had non-profit status. Funding of \$2,500.00 for Silver Lake Jubilee was approved by the board. Check was issued. Ms. Vasquez found out that they were not a NPO after check was cut. Found out that they did not apply until shortly before event before the event. Concerns from board members about possibly being misled by SL Jubilee. Crump later heard from DONE that applicants lost check and asked for replacement. Original demand warrant was invalid because second signatory had a conflict of interest. The only permissible signatories at the time were Crissi Avila and Rusty Millar.

Discussion

Debate about the legality of Crawford speaking about the event. Crawford defends the applicants, saying they were in process of getting NP status. Council members reach a consensus to cut the check again in order to honor their commitment. Agree that this must be a lesson for the board in how to handle future funding requests. The applicants must be questioned and vetted before approval of funding is given.

- e. Motion: Region 3 Beautification
M/S/P The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council hereby invites the City of Los Angeles, Non-Profit Agencies, and Academic Institutions in the study, creation, and adoption of new Design & Pedestrian Safety Guidelines plans for Region 3 (the south Silver Lake region bounded by Marathon to the north, Parkman to the east, the 101 Freeway to the south, and Hoover to the west), in conjunction with local stakeholders, whereby the intent of plans take into account the change in demographics of Region 3, and the need for plans to promote beautification designs, address quality of life, and improve pedestrian safety in the physical environment of the community.
The Region 3 Beautification Plan should address the following components in its analysis in accordance with Citywide Guidelines: cross walks, sidewalk width, bicycle lanes, stop signs,

street furniture, such as benches, greenbelts, planters, air quality, trash bins, street medians, use of sidewalk parkway strips, street striping, street redesignation, landscaping, and xeroscaping standards, living streets, and public art.

The Region 3 Beautification Plan should include an implementation strategy through relevant jurisdictional tools such as the Dept. of City Planning specific plans, community plans, overlay districts, and interim control ordinances, as well as identify public-private opportunities to fund a pilot project in the region where facilitation shall report to this board.

M/S/P Amendment by Bougart-Sharkov, Second by Jaffe: “We authorize Faisal Alserri as the head of a task force on behalf of the SLNC to handle this project.” [This would be the first sentence in the motion.]

Faisal suggests replacing his name with “two representative of Region 3 for Silver Lake Neighborhood Council will lead task force to handle this project.” “The task force made up by the Region 3 representatives of Silver Lake Neighborhood Council.”

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

AYES: Marvel, Masterson, Jaffe, Nahum, Neuman, Benson, Crump, Herman-Wurmfeld, Ralph, Chalupowicz, Dale, Bougart-Sharkov, Alserri, Crawford, Millar

NAYS:

ABSTAINING: Lukens

(15-0-1) Motion carries.

VOTE ON MOTION:

AYES: Marvel, Masterson, Jaffe, Nahum, Neuman, Benson, Crump, Herman-Wurmfeld, Ralph, Chalupowicz, Dale, Bougart-Sharkov, Alserri, Crawford

NAYS:

ABSTAINING: Millar, Lukens

(14-0-2) Motion carries.

f. **Motion: Public Safety Freeway**

M/S/P The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council hereby resolves to REQUEST the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Los Angeles County of Mental Health, Department of Veterans Affairs, and Caltrans to develop a long-term solution, to address the continued issues of homelessness, vagrancy, and crime under the 101 Freeway Hoover Street & Silver Lake Boulevard underpass and present a humane plan to address these issues to the adjacent affected Silver Lake Community in conjunction with homeless advocacy.

[Sarah Dale leaves meeting at 9:15 p.m.]

Amendment by Neuman, Second by Lukens: “To add “and other pertinent agencies and entities” to the list of recipients in the motion. “

AYES: Marvel, Masterson, Jaffe, Nahum, Neuman, Benson, Lukens, Crump, Herman-Wurmfeld, Ralph, Chalupowicz, Bougart-Sharkov, Alserri, Crawford

NAYS:

ABSTAINING: Millar

(14-0-1). Motion carries.

Discussion about what action the motion is requesting. Would like to see a draft letter being sent to the listed agencies.

Millar calls the question.

VOTE ON FINAL MOTION:

AYES: Marvel, Masterson, Jaffe, Nahum, Neuman, Benson, Lukens, Crump, Herman-Wurmfeld, Ralph, Chalupowicz, Bougart-Sharkov, Alserri, Crawford

NAYS:

ABSTAINING: Millar

(14-0-1) Motion carries.

[Millar gives the Chair position to Lukens at this time.]

- g. Motion: Traffic Signal at Hoover St./Bellevue Ave.

M/S/P The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council hereby requests the city of Los Angeles to install a crosswalk and traffic signal at Hoover and Bellevue.

AYES: Marvel, Masterson, Jaffe, Nahum, Neuman, Benson, Millar, Crump, Herman-Wurmfeld, Ralph, Alserri, Chalupowicz, Bougart-Sharkov, Crawford

NAYS:

ABSTAINING: Lukens

(14-0-1) Motion carries.

Alserri: The goal of the motion is to put on record a request for a traffic signal. After speaking with neighbors, it was clear that a traffic signal was preferred, not a stop sign.

Discussion

Some suggestions that there's a greater likelihood for the city to pay for a stop sign and that the funds for improvement would go further with this approach. General agreement that the intersection needs some improvement.

- h. Motion: Establish a SilverSun

M/S/P The Silver Lake Neighborhood Council hereby establishes a SilverSun-101 Neighborhood Task Force to pool resources, tactics, and information in addressing many of the common problems in the Silver Lake/Subset Blvd./101 Freeway areas as well as promote, coordinate, and advance community improvement projects in the area.

Amendment by Alserri. Second by Marvel. "That the motion include the following language: (a) that the task force "is for information gathering, (b) that "all regional representatives in the district have a position on the task force", (c) "that Senior Lead Officer have a position to disseminate information."

Amendment by Crump:"To change the verb "establish" to 'support.'" No second.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

AYES: 6

NAYS: 7

ABSTAINING: 1

(6-7-1) Amendment fails.

VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION:

AYES: Marvel, Masterson, Jaffe, Nahum, Neuman, Benson, Millar, Crump, Herman-Wurmfeld, Ralph, Bougart-Sharkov, Crawford

NAYS:

ABSTAINING: Alserri, Chalupowicz, Lukens

(12-0-3) Motion carries.

Discussion

Goal of motion is to pool resources, especially in an area that has four regions within a small area. Some debate about the role of a task force in relation to the SLNC. Confusion about the need for a vote to establish an informal organization. If motion passed, Crump would take it to other community groups to gauge interest.

- i. Motion: Howl-O-Ween

M/S/P "Moves that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council authorizes the dedication and expenditure of up to \$300.00 for use in promoting and managing the 2010 Silver Lake "Howl-o-Ween" doggie costume pageant. The SLNC will also help provide free outreach services through its website and e-mail capacities. This will be the third such annual occurrence, held in conjunction with the City of Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Department and the Silver Lake Dog Park Association, of what has been a great and growing success, bringing together hundreds of stakeholders and their dogs. Each year, this event promotes fun and pride on an individual, family, and community basis while also celebrating the creativity of Silver Lake and enabling much sharing of useful information by city agencies such as Animal Services. The funds that herein are requested will be used for promotional flyers, balloons, any adjustments needed to old banners, and prizes such as ribbons for dog contestants. In years, Friends of Silver Lake Animals has always spent less than was the full authorized amount. In 2010, these funds

would come from the Friends of Silver Lake Animals budgeted allotment that was dedicated earlier this year for such a purpose.

AYES: Marvel, Masterson, Jaffe, Bougart-Sharkov, Nahum, Neuman, Crawford, Benson, Lukens, Crump, Herman-Wurmfeld, Ralph, Alserri, Chalupowicz, Dale

NAYS:

ABSTAINING: Millar

(15-0-1) Motion carries.

Discussion:

Council members agree that it's a good, inexpensive event. Millar asks Nahum to compose a letter from the SLNC thanking any pet store that donates items for its donation.

10. Committee Reports – No committee reports.

11. Agenda Items for next meeting –

Millar - Due dates for any motions for November meeting are 10.25.2010.

12. Announcements: All items not acted upon by 10:00 p.m. will be carried over to the next meeting.

13. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEM SEEKING APPROVAL OF FUNDING, PROGRAMS, OR EVENTS

Date: November 03, 2010

Name/Committee: Urban Design & Preservation

Text of Motion on the Agenda*:

Move that the SLNC Governing Board amend item # 39 of the SLNC Standing Rules (a.k.a. Definition of Committee "Member") by placing the following additional text to the existing rule: "The SLNC-Urban Design & Preservation Committee shall establish specifically defined process of its membership, based on the committee subject and extended responsibilities it holds on behalf of the community."

In order to become an eligible UD&PAC "Voting Member", a stakeholder shall have attended and signed in at three (3) consecutive committee meetings.

UD&PAC "Voting Membership" lapses after three (3) consecutive absences.

In order to encourage stakeholders' participation in the decision making process, a straw poll of all stakeholders in attendance, who do not have direct conflict of interest, will be taken prior to a final vote on a given motion. The outcome of the straw poll shall be recorded into the meeting minutes, published Citywide."

Describe the event/project in detail. Include as much supplemental information as possible (background information; supporting and opposing viewpoints, if available, etc.) Attach additional sheets as necessary.

The UD&P Committee evaluates and suggests public input to each discretionary action application, submitted to the Department of City Planning. The process requires extended planning knowledge and well informed deliberation applied to each case in review. Therefore, members of this particular committee bare extended responsibilities which effect stakeholders' life savings, developers' substantial investments and the quality of life for the entire community.

Based on those rather unusual specificities that do not apply to other NCs committees, the UD&PAC Chair decided to interview chairs of the most active NCs Land Use committees, like Hollywood United, Sunland-Tujunga, Down Town L.A., Eagle Rock, etc., and to find out what are their committees' voting practices. It turned out that all those committees have long time established steady voting memberships. The reason is the specificity of the subject mater the

Land Use committees deal with, in comparison to the rest of the committees on the NC. Almost each of them has appointed membership by the Land Use Committee Chair.

However, the SLNC – UD&PAC Chair feels that to be able to empower the democratic process and vast stakeholders 'participation, appointment of committee members is not the best way to go. She supports the idea that "Committee Membership" shall be open to everyone who is committed to participate in the UD&PAC's work on regular bases, and understands the responsibilities attached to this membership. Each of the attending stakeholders shall be encouraged to participate in the debate during a given meeting, prior to become eligible for a "Committee Membership". In addition, she feels that a good democratic principle is that a straw poll shall be taken before the final vote takes place. The stroll poll shall be recorded into the Committee Meeting Minutes, published Citywide.

The majority of the UD&P committee long time participants feel very strongly about establishing a voting membership, based on the extended responsibilities for the following reasons:

1. Reviewing applications regarding proposed development and conditional use permits changes requires extensive zoning, planning and design knowledge. It is a learning curve and such gives an opportunity for casting "a reasonably educated vote".
2. Very often, reviewing applications for discretionary action takes more than one committee meeting, and a lot of additional planning research between meetings. Good knowledge of the continuous review process information is a must.
3. "Open Membership" in this particular committee creates confusion among first time attending stakeholders who realize that a vote in this particular committee bares a lot of various responsibilities and requires extensive knowledge.
4. Lastly, "Open Membership" creates an opportunity to "high-jack" the vote, based on the broad recent definition of a "Citywide Stakeholder" and conflict of interest is hard to be proven. Such approach is in direct treat to the community, its interests and its quality of life.

The issue of committee voting membership has been before the UD&P for quite awhile. The Committee Chair was willing to survey various NCs' Land Use committees before coming up with a final motion for this amendment before the SLNC Gov. Board. The interviews have proven that careful approach to voting practices in the NCs' Land Use committees is a responsible way to serve the community, something that is the very basic reason of being elected as a NC's Representative by the same community.

What is the perceived/potential impact on the community if we adopt the motion (pro and con)?

Pro: Casting an educated vote is crucial for the final outcome of a proposed development or conditional use permit. It directly affects all aspects related to quality of life in the entire community.

Con: Interested stakeholders in grass roots participation need to spend some minimal time (3 consecutive committee meetings) to gain basic knowledge of zoning, planning and design, and to understand the specific dynamics, related to this particular mater, in order to be able to cast well measured educated vote on a motion, related to urban design & planning.

What is the total budget for the project? How much is the SLNC asked to commit? Are there alternate funding sources? (Please attach itemized budget.)

None

What is the timeline for the project? (Be sure to include deadline for Board action, major dates, etc.)

ASAP - Nov. 3 SLNC Gov. Board meeting

From which budget line(s) are the funds to be drawn?

N/A

How will this motion be implemented, and by whom?

The SLNC Secretary will add the additional text to the SLNC Gov. Board Standing Rules (# 39) and will post it on the SLNC Website. The UD&PAC will begin to operate under the new rule.

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REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEM SEEKING APPROVAL OF FUNDING, PROGRAMS, OR EVENTS

Date 10/26/2010
Name/Committee Arts & Culture Committee

Text of Motion on the Agenda*:

Motion to allocate up to \$1,000 to be used for supplies and other event needs for the Electrical Box Art Project to be scheduled upon approval from CD13.

Describe the event/project in detail. Include as much supplemental information as possible (background information; supporting and opposing viewpoints, if available, etc.) Attach additional sheets as necessary.

In our committee, we had been discussing the relationship between Art and community beautification, and also promoting the eclectic character of Silver Lake. From these conversations came the idea to highlight the murals that are already decorating our streets, and to encourage more.

Other neighborhoods have commissioned artists to paint murals on the gray electrical boxes you see on street corners. We thought that commissioning Silver Lake Artists to paint our drab boxes would be a wonderful addition to our collection of murals.

We've been in conversation with CD13 about the project, and they agreed to give us permission upon approving the choices of proposals from artists that we submit. We also have researched how the boxes will be kept up and managed based on what the city currently does to remove graffiti from the gray boxes. We are also visiting any businesses with electrical boxes outside their locations to include them on the project and ensure that they are in support.

We collected proposals over several months and finally narrowed it down to ten artists that we are very excited about. All have agreed to donate their labor to paint the boxes, and we have agreed to sponsor a motion to simply cover costs.

Depending on the approval from Garcetti's office, we will schedule an Electrical Box Painting Day in November when all the artists will launch the painting of their box.

Once the boxes are painted, we will assemble a comprehensive Silver Lake Mural Map to be used by the community, and also to be used in a future "Mural Walk."

FYI: We are also researching places to find free house paint and other donated supplies. We do not think, however, that all our needs will be met by donated items and artists may be in need of particular colors.

What is the perceived/potential impact on the community if we adopt the motion (pro and con)?

Pro: Community Beautification. Showcasing local artists. SLNC Outreach on every corner of Sunset.

Con: There may be leftover supplies. Though we have done our best to choose art that reflects the community, there may be some who do not like the art, though such is the way with all art.

What is the total budget for the project? How much is the SLNC asked to commit? Are there alternate funding sources? (Please attach itemized budget.)

\$1000 From Arts Committee Outreach Line Item

For paint, primer, other supplies and water. Possible refreshments for artists on the day of the event.

What is the timeline for the project? (Be sure to include deadline for Board action, major dates, etc.)

Immediate Board action is requested so that supplies may be bought as soon CD13 approves the art.

How will this motion be implemented, and by whom?

SL Arts & Culture Committee has assembled a team to plan the painting, event, and organization.

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REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEM SEEKING
APPROVAL OF FUNDING, PROGRAMS, OR EVENTS

Date 10/26/2010
Name/Committee Claudia Vazquez, Secretary

Text of Motion on the Agenda*:

I, Claudia Vazquez, move to approve the creation and distribution of a monthly SLNC Newsletter via the new Mailing List Manager to organize and distribute all important information and news to our community.

Describe the event/project in detail. Include as much supplemental information as possible (background information; supporting and opposing viewpoints, if available, etc.) Attach additional sheets as necessary.

I get plenty of emails with information that should be sent out to the community: events, alerts, other important meetings. It is currently the practice to blast the "Full SLNC" list only on certain occasions as we do not want to "Spam" our members.

By creating a monthly newsletter, we can organize information in one email and send it out. This will not be information containing opinions or beliefs on anything that we are voting on, or discussing in meetings. It is simply news.

It will be managed by the Secretary (this will be much more manageable than what I currently do with emails), and will be sent out the week following the Governing Board Meeting.

What is the perceived/potential impact on the community if we adopt the motion (pro and con)?

Pro: Community Outreach!

Con: Secretary will be the one choosing the information included in the newsletter.

What is the total budget for the project? How much is the SLNC asked to commit? Are there alternate funding sources? (Please attach itemized budget.)

\$0

What is the timeline for the project? (Be sure to include deadline for Board action, major dates, etc.)

We would start the newsletters in December, once new website it launched.

How will this motion be implemented, and by whom?

Secretary

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**REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEM SEEKING
APPROVAL OF FUNDING, PROGRAMS, OR EVENTS**

Date Oct 26,2010
Name/Committee Parks and Beautification

Text of Motion on the Agenda*:

Requesting that the SLNC support a motion to support the Northeast Trees tree giveaway to be scheduled in November to be held at the CitiBank parking lot.

Describe the event/project in detail. Include as much supplemental information as possible (background information; supporting and opposing viewpoints, if available, etc.) Attach additional sheets as necessary.

Fall is the best time to plant trees. There will be a few hundred trees to be given, for free, to anyone who wants them.

What is the perceived/potential impact on the community if we adopt the motion (pro and con)?

Pro: It will make the SLNC even more visible in the community as we generously give away trees.

Con: Not everyone has a yard, or a need for a tree.

What is the total budget for the project? How much is the SLNC asked to commit? Are there alternate funding sources? (Please attach itemized budget.)

There is no request for funding, only support from the Board.

What is the timeline for the project? (Be sure to include deadline for Board action, major dates, etc.)

Once the motion is approved, the Parks and Beautification committee will proceed immediately .

From which budget line(s) are the funds to be drawn?

Parks and Beautification

How will this motion be implemented, and by whom?

Parks and Beautification

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